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25X1 6. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Called J. C. Argetsinger, Minority Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, to discuss S. 495, which had been reported favorably by the Senate Government Operations Committee and referred until 11 June to the Senate Judiciary Committee. I told Argetsinger that we had obtained a partial exemption on the financial disclosure provision of S. 495, and that we were hoping to obtain a full exemption in the Judiciary Committee. He thought this was feasible and urged us to send in a views letter at the earliest possible date to Senator James Eastland (D., Miss.), Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and to provide any back-up supporting material to Senator Roman Hruska (R., Neb.) and other sympathetic Senators.

25X1 7. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Called Jim Wenzel, at the Department of Justice, concerning H.R. 214, which is pending before the House Judiciary Committee. The bill pertains to access to financial information and mail covers. Wenzel said the Department of Justice had sent in a report to the Committee opposing the bill, but the report did not contain arguments based on foreign intelligence interests. He suggested that it would be appropriate for the Agency to make its objections to the bill known to the Committee.

25X1 8. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Talked to Bob Carlstrom, OMB, on H.R. 214, a bill concerning access to financial records and mail cover. Carlstrom told me that the Administration was opposing the bill, that the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury had sent letters directly to the House Judiciary Committee in opposition to the bill, but that neither of these letters reflected the foreign intelligence concerns of the Agency. He said he had no problem with the Agency approaching sympathetic Congressmen on the Committee to express the Agency's concerns, and asked that if we did so we send a copy of the relevant material to him. He also suggested I call Ken Lazarus, at the White House, who apparently is working on the Administration's position on H.R. 214.

25X1 9. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Called Ken Lazarus, at the White House, to discuss H.R. 214. He said that generally the Administration was trying a low key approach with the Committee on this bill, but that he thought the Agency's concerns were valid and that he would have no problem with the Agency providing a "poop sheet" to those Congressmen who had expressed an interest in raising the foreign intelligence interests which are involved in this legislation during consideration by the full Committee. 25X1